

South Storehouse Remains  
Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island,  
Glynn County, Georgia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Street Address or Location: Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island,  
Glynn County, Georgia

Present Owner: Fort Frederica National Monument, Box 367,  
St. Simons Island, Georgia (National Park Service)

Brief Statement of  
Significance: One of two similar large storehouses inside  
Fort Frederica. Used by General Oglethorpe  
for storage and community activities during  
the English colonies' fight against the  
Spanish. Erected 1739.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Trustees of the Colony of Georgia. Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames of America. National Park Service, United States Government.
2. Date of erection: 1739

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Part of the fort and Town of Frederica, which was British base of operations against the Spanish in Florida during the War of Jenkins' Ear (1739-1748) and target of the Spanish expedition into Georgia in 1742.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Nothing remains above grade of this storehouse used by General Oglethorpe's colony.
2. Condition of fabric: Ruinous; foundation walls reconstructed in brick in 1957.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 18'-6" x 60'-0"
2. Foundations: Flint and brick
3. Wall construction: Flint and brick first story; "timber" above
4. Openings: a. Doorways and doors: One near grade at east end. No further evidence.  
b. Windows and shutters: No shutter holdbacks or pintles found in excavation.

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5. Roof: Hip or gable, of tile

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Basement - rectangular, with partition of brick and flint dividing it into two unequal rooms. Originally this storehouse consisted of three stories.
2. Flooring: In larger west room the floor is constructed of flint bonded and smoothed over with burned shell lime mortar; two rows each with three 1'-0" brick piers and footings in floor. The smaller east room had remnants of 9 7/8" square paving quarry tiles.
3. Hardware: Nails, hinges, spikes.

D. Site:

1. General setting: Inside Fort Frederica on a low bluff overlooking Frederica River. Balances with north storehouse on the Fort's east-west axis.
2. Orientation: Long dimension of storehouse runs east-southeast to west-northwest.

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